

**Question for written answer E-013076/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Illegal practice by Volkswagen in order to present reduced vehicle-generated pollutants during tests

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) discovered during tests that Volkswagen diesel vehicles put on the American market between 2009 and 2015 used sophisticated software algorithms, which reduced generated pollutants during tests, thus deceiving regulatory authorities and consumers. Volkswagen itself has admitted using these illegal software algorithms.

This is an issue of great importance for the protection of European consumers, of the environment and, above all, human health.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Will respective tests be carried out on Volkswagen models/vehicles in Europe, in order to determine whether the company in question applied this illegal practice, or any other illegal technique, in the European market as well, both on its diesel and petrol cars, so as to reduce pollutants generated by these vehicles during tests?
2. Will respective tests be carried out on other company models/vehicles, in order to determine whether other companies used the aforementioned or other techniques, so as to reduce pollutants generated by their vehicles during tests?
3. Will it take measures to protect the environment and human health, and to ensure consumers are not being deceived?